

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

## BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Results Throughout the State in Past Week.

Sales of real estate in the Connecticut towns reported by The Connecticut Real Estate Board for the week ending April 18, 1915, show a decrease of about the same as during the like week a year ago. This week there have been 295 sales, with mortgage loans of \$214,685, as against 292 sales, and mortgage loans of \$209,859 a year ago.

But three petitions in bankruptcy, with assets of \$7,970 and liabilities of \$16,010 were filed in Connecticut during the week. Last year there were seven petitions with assets of \$23,378 and liabilities of \$34,375.

The fifteen incorporations for the week have aggregate capital stock of \$844,400, comparing with seven incorporations with capital stock of \$182,000 formed last year, and 14 with capital stock of \$375,000 in the year 1913.

The large increase in the amount of money expended on building last week in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury and Stamford, when compared with last year, is caused by a decided increase in factory construction in Bridgeport, where permits for six buildings, costing \$1,060,000, were granted. During the week in the above named cities 123 permits were issued for structures costing \$1,310,499, while last year 150 permits were issued for structures costing \$418,825.

Besides the large amount of factory work in Bridgeport contracts were awarded last week for brick church in Sharon; hotel alterations in Norwich; residence work in New Haven, Hartford, Stamford and Bridgeport; brick garage in Hartford; laundry building in Waterbury; tenement houses in New Haven and Bridgeport, and two-family houses in New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and Stamford.

Included in the new work reported last week are large hospital buildings in Greenwich; church in Thompsonville; schoolhouse in Waterbury; rectory in New London; store and apartment buildings in New Britain; church in Norwich; public garage in Hartford; apartment building and brick storehouse in Hartford; eight-room schoolhouse in Bridgeport, addition to store house and store and apartment building in Stamford and several frame houses arranged for one, two and three families in the smaller cities of the state.

Norwich had four sales of real estate last week to three a year ago. Mortgage loans to the amount of \$2,600 were made last week while a year ago the total was \$118,000.

In New London there were ten sales last week to three a year ago while the loans for the two weeks totaled \$13,150 and \$18,800.

## BUILDING OPERATIONS

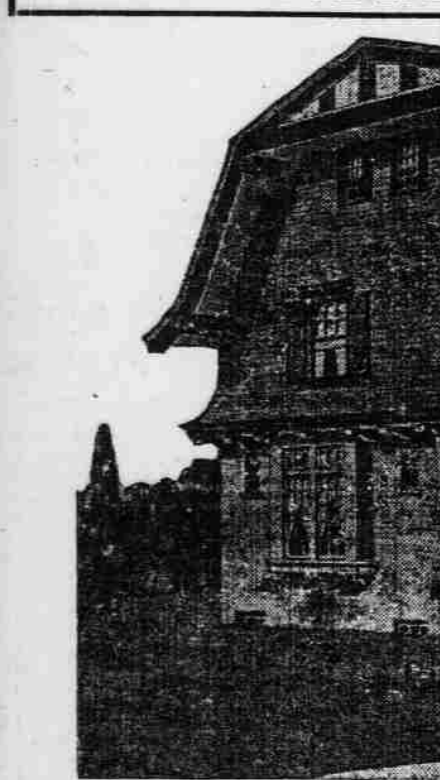
### IN NEW ENGLAND.

Statistics of Building and Engineering operations in New England as compiled by the F. W. Dodge company follow:

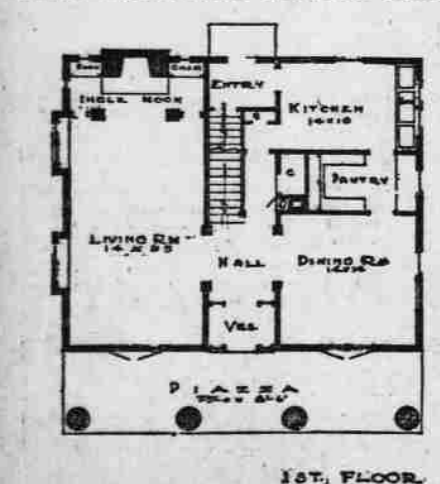
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1915. \$38,237,000  
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Contracts to Apr. 14, 1907. 35,922,000  
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1906. 27,954,000  
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1905. 24,138,000  
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1904. 20,000,000  
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1903. 21,779,000  
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1902. 36,430,000  
Contracts to Apr. 14, 1901. 31,952,000

Meriden—Over 3,000 miles of wire stretching across the continent from Meriden to California, Mrs. C. E. Paxson talked Tuesday with her husband, who is connected with the American Telephone and Telegraph company in New York, and who is now at San Francisco.

## A MODIFIED COLONIAL RESIDENCE



This illustration depicts a modified colonial residence with gambrel roof design that is particularly artistic, and one that offers a home interior of unusual charm. Four massive columns carry the extension of the roof that forms the piazza. These convey an impression of solidity and substantial worth to the house, at the same time providing a pleasing feature of the exterior. Mullioned windows and pretty little columns balcony dormers and brackets relieve this design of any sense of heaviness, due to the overhang of the second story and the weight of the cornice. In fact, it makes a particularly attractive home



## TWO STORY WEST MAIN ST. HOUSE

Exterior Work Nearly Completed—Changes in Buildings in Center of City—New Garages and Other Construction.

Contractor Charles I. Rathbun is erecting a handsome residence on a lot just east of the house occupied by Austin Rathbun on West Main street. The building is now covered in and the roof has been shingled and the shingling is well along on three of the sides. The residence will contain seven rooms and will be two stories high with an attic. There is attractive bay window on the west side of the house. The interior will be modernly finished off and there will be electric lights, and hot and cold water. The stone foundation will be cemented over.

**New Garage.**  
Louis Browning has erected a one-story garage of attractive design for R. W. Tilden in the rear of Mr. Tilden's residence at the corner of Pearl and Asylum streets with entrance on Pearl street. There are two large sliding doors on the front side and there is also a rear entrance. The floor is of cement and the garage has been wired for electricity.

**Finishing Elks' Addition.**  
The Elks' addition is now approaching completion and the workmen are at present finishing up the interior of the social room. The pantry adjoining the social room is also being finished up and is being fitted with dish cabinets, cupboards and other fixtures. On the basement floor the building has been cut through into the rathskiller thus connecting the new building with the old building.

**Contract For Mason Work.**  
Fenton Brothers & company have the contract for the mason work on the Sacred Heart church addition on Merchants avenue, Taftville, the mason work including the brick stone and terra cotta. The construction work has already been started and is well underway.

**Changing Willow Street Buildings.**  
A foundation for a new brick front for the building at the southeast corner of Willow and Chestnut streets, recently purchased by Thomas F. Burns, is being laid by Fenton Brothers.

**MIDDLETOWN.**  
The plans have been completed for a new theatre to be erected in the rear of 284 Main street for Salvatore Adorno. Estimates will be received at once by the owner. The building will be 52x30 feet high, of brick construction, with a seating capacity of about 1150.

John W. Glynn has the contract for the carpenter work and Denis O'Brien the mason work for a new residence to be erected on High street for J. B. Coughlin.

The new factory and garage being erected on Bridge street for Oscar Nelson & Co. is now nearing completion. The building being remodelled on Court street for Lewis Conkos is now being plastered.

**VERNON.**  
Plans have been completed and they will be ready for estimates at once for a new residence to be erected at Vernon, for Dr. C. C. Beach. It will be 130x22 feet with the first story constructed of field-stone and the second story and roof shingled. It will have four bath rooms, fireplaces, mantels, hot water heat, an insulated electric plant and an artesian well and pneumatic water supply.

The United States now owns 8,000 islands, supporting a population of 10,000,000.

ers & Co. The new front will stand eight feet high and the interior of the ground floor will be remodelled for a store. The property is known as the Gardiner property and was formerly used as a tenement house.

**Foundation Done.**  
The foundation is completed for the new two-story brick tenement house which Felix Pagano is erecting in the rear of his residence No. 130 Franklin street. The first floor has been laid and the brick work has been started.

**Garage Covered In.**  
The garage being erected for George W. Carroll in the rear of his residence on Broadway is now covered in and the roof work is daily advancing. The old garage was extensively damaged by fire recently. The section of the old walls which remained standing have been built up by the contractors, C. M. Williams & Son.

**Up To Second Story.**  
The residence on Sachem street being erected by Henry G. Peck is now up to the second story level and the building is daily approaching the completed stage.

**Girders in Place.**  
At the Chapman block on Franklin square where a new front is being installed the first section of the heavy steel girder which will support the second story of the building was placed in position this week. The girder is in two sections and the second section will be placed as soon as possible. The interior changes are rapidly advancing.

**Changing Front.**  
Blackledge & Co. have started the construction work for a new gas front for the proposed refectory at the Connecticut College for Women have been approved by the board of trustees, and working drawings will be prepared at once. The building will be two stories high, with cobble stone underpinning, shingle walls and roof. It is to be erected between the Lee and Prentice dwellings on the college grounds.

**NEW LONDON.**  
Plans drawn by Architect James Sweeney for the proposed refectory at the Connecticut College for Women have been approved by the board of trustees, and working drawings will be prepared at once. The building will be two stories high, with cobble stone underpinning, shingle walls and roof. It is to be erected between the Lee and Prentice dwellings on the college grounds.

William H. Seyfried, who purchased the Denison property in Montauk avenue and Riverview avenue and subsequently improved the residence, has had a barn in Riverview avenue removed in sections to Pacific street, where it will be erected and altered into a dwelling.

Contractor Woodworth has completed the mammoth sign at the state pier in East New London, which is about 100 feet long and 50 feet high. The foundation for a bungalow for Mrs. Blanche Leeds has been completed.

**HADDAM.**  
Linus Baldwin has the general contract for a summer camp to be erected for T. McDonough Russell at Millers Pond in Haddam. It will be of frame construction, 45 feet square, and will contain eight rooms. It will have a rubble stone fireplace and chimney.

**SEED.**  
It has not been proved that good seed potatoes, particularly of the late varieties, cannot be grown in the state. For early varieties it is likely that northern-grown seed is always best. Every purchaser of seed potatoes should make sure that he receives good stock, true to variety. Maine supplies most of our seed. If any one wishes to obtain seed potatoes from Maine, secure information as to reliable seed growers in that state can be obtained by applying to the Seed Station.

The use of cull potatoes as seed is of course folly. A reasonable practice and one that the Station advocates is the growing of a variety of seed potatoes for seed. To start this, select enough good hills from the field to plant the seed piece next year. No hill should be used that has less than six good, smooth, medium-sized, marketable tubers. The seed piece should be large enough to furnish space for planting the entire row. Dig this seed piece and hand each year and select enough potatoes from good hills to continue it the following year.

Seed potatoes should never be allowed to sprout during the winter. They will stand a temperature as low as 30 degrees for a short time, but 40-50 degrees is best of it can be maintained.

## SPRAY IN MAY.

For the Canker-Worm and Tent Caterpillars.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station recommends the following sprays for canker-worms and tent caterpillars:

**Canker-Worms.**—During May small looping caterpillars devour the leaves and spin down on threads when disturbed. Spray foliage with lead arsenate before blossoms open, and again soon after they fall. In unsprayed orchards sticky tanglefoot bands should be placed around trunks of trees and kept sticky until January and May.

**Tent-Caterpillars.**—During May the caterpillars form nests at the forks of the branches, and devour the leaves. Clip off and burn egg-masses on twigs in winter. Remove nests with caterpillar brush. Spray with lead arsenate once before the blossoms open, and again soon after they fall.

## POULTRY HOUSES.

They Should Be Kept Clean and a Concrete Floor is Advantageous.

It is just as important for the poultryman to clean his house as it is for the housewife. In many ways the summer poultry will be affected by the thoroughness with which he does his work. At this time of year the advantage of a concrete floor is very evident. When a house has been cleaned and the concrete floor is laid, it is a sure thing that all the unsanitary litter has been removed. When the floor is dirt, the poultryman is never sure when he reaches the depth which has been affected by the seepage from the poultry manure that the floor is clean. It is certain that at least six inches of the floor material should be removed every spring, and the gravel below it should be affected to a much greater depth. If disease has prevailed at any time during the previous season a concrete

**WATERFORD.**  
Peleg Church House Being Moved to New Celler—New Residence For Mrs. Patch.

The old-fashioned house opposite the Jordan church, known as the Peleg Church homestead will soon be removed to another location and a new, up-to-date residence built in its place by the present owner, Mrs. Oscar W. Patch of New London. The site is one of the best in the village and Mrs. Patch intends to erect a permanent home.

The old house will be taken to land owned by Judge Charles A. Gallup. In North avenue on the outskirts of the village where a new cellar already awaits it. This house, while old in years, is in excellent repair, owing to the fact that it is one of the old-time houses that when built years ago were put up to stay not with a balloon frame but with mortise and tenon and the whole pinned with hard wood pins. While this house is considerably over a hundred years old, the timbers in it are apparently good as the day they were put up and look as if they would last for as many more.

The old house will be remodeled and used as a tenement house and the owner, who has already rented it and could rent many more as houses in the vicinity of Jordan are not empty long.

Contractor James Fowler of New London, who has the contract to move the house, has begun work on it and expects in a few days to have it at its destination, then work on the new house that will replace the old one on the spot will be begun. One and a half acres of land will be worked upon before the cold weather sets in.

**Architect James Sweeney Schoolhouse.**  
Architect James Sweeney has been commissioned to draw the plans for the new schoolhouse in Waterford. It

is planned to erect a four-room structure of brick, with steam heat. D. C. Saunders is chairman of the building committee.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Walter R. Hobby, Henry street has been awarded the contract for a new house to be erected on Main street, near the Middle Turnpike, for John C. Palmer, Woodbridge street. It will be of frame construction, 44x26 feet, and will be arranged for two tenements of six rooms each. Ernest Clough has the contract for the painting. The furnace heating and electric work will be let by the owner.

S. Emil Johnson has been awarded the contract for a new house to be erected on Stone street for Olson & Carlson. The house will be 35x44 feet, of frame construction, and will contain two tenements of six rooms each.

William Ehemann has been awarded the contract for the erection of a four-family house on Oak street for M. J. Moriarty.

Work has been started on the erection of a storehouse in the rear of the Orford Hotel annex, which is to be occupied by the Manchester Plumbing & Supply Co. It will be of stone, two stories and basement. The annex is to be improved by the construction of a new front.

Walter R. Hobby has just completed his new residence on Henry street. James Gray has the contract for the structure of the exterior of George W. Strant's house on Main street.

## GROTON.

Amos M. Gallup today staked out and will begin shortly to erect a house for Mrs. Isaac Shute on a street next to the old Congregational church.

Squad Brothers have completed the frame for the home on the Kohn property at Eastern Point.

## AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

### GROWING POTATOES.

Cultural Directions Furnished By Agricultural Stations and College.

The ideal soil is a medium loam for late and a light loam for early potatoes. A large amount of organic matter is desirable but not necessary. The soil should be good, but not too rich in soil and not too dry. The soil should be good, but not too rich in soil and not too dry. The soil should be good, but not too rich in soil and not too dry.

Before the floor is cleaned, the walls and ceiling should be swept down and roots, drooping boards and nests scraped and painted with a strong creosol solution. Carbolenum is especially recommended for this purpose because of its strong odor. The walls and ceiling should be treated with a good coat of government whitewash, to be made as follows: One-half bushel unslacked lime, soaked with boiling water and covered during the process to keep the steam in; strain the liquid and add one peck of salt dissolved in boiling water; boil three pints of ground rice to a paste and stir in white hot; add five gallons of hot water to the mixture and let stand a few days in airtight cans. New gravel and sand should be filled in to a depth of six to eight inches, whatever the soil is, and the straw, placed as a litter a thin layer of straw, leaves or planer shavings. A thorough cleaning of the house with lime and mites and many more eggs in June, July and August.

**SILO IS IMPORTANT.**  
Time to Plan For It and Corn to Fill It.

More and more the dairyman is realizing that he must grow some feed upon his farm which will supply him with green and succulent feed during the winter months. The silage crop is the best. Those who have stopped to figure out the value of the silage from the silo have realized that it means a saving of a large amount of money over the use of hay. Where 12 or 15 tons of silage can be produced per acre, it will mean that in two or three years the silage in hay alone, say nothing of the increase in the amount of milk flow will be sufficient to pay for the cost of the silo. The dairyman who has not a silo should plan on growing a large amount of corn so that he can fill a silo this fall. The best variety of corn which the farmers can use in this section of the country is the leaning corn.

## GRASS LAND.

This is the Time When Top Dressing Should Be Applied.

Those who are planning to top dress their grass land with fertilizer should apply this week, especially on those fields which have light soil. The greatest return from the use of fertilizers on grass land will depend upon the amount of moisture which there is in the soil to dissolve the elements so that plants can get them. Thus it is important that these chemicals be applied before the moisture is lost from the soil. The soil should be wetter, soils the applying can be delayed another week in many cases, as in those fields grasses have not started to grow so quickly as where the soil is drier and warmer.

## HENS FROM GROTON.

ARE EASY WINNERS

Result of the Egg Laying Contest for 24th Week at Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station.

The twenty-fourth week of the contest at Storrs showed an unusually long list of pens from two countries and four different states competing for the coveted honors of the week of the farm's pen of White Rocks from Groton, Conn., were an easy first with 57 eggs. D. E. Warner's pens of Reds from Groton, Conn., and three pens of White Leghorns owned by Tom Barron, Catforth, England; Albert S. Sonderegger, South Coventry, Conn.; and James V. Thomas, Ballston Lake, N. Y., all tied for second place with 51 eggs each. Another pen of Brantford from White Rocks and three pens of Leghorns from F. M. Peasley, Cheshire, Conn.; S. J. Rogers, Unadilla, N. Y.; and George M. McMillan, Springfield, Mo., all tied for third place with 50 eggs each.

In addition to the unusual incident of a hen laying two eggs, one in the third place it is also interesting to note that the White Rock yield of 57 eggs is the best weekly pen production made in the contest so far by any American pen and has been exceeded by only two eggs by a foreign pen. The best yield for all pens amounted to 57.94 eggs.

All poultrymen are undoubtedly getting satisfactory yields at this season of the year. This does not mean, however, that plans ought not to be made now to get summer eggs, that is to say, eggs that are laid in July and August when the price is higher and it is more economical to feed hens, and the days are hot and the poultry



DETECTIVE DONOVAN—2 WILLIAM BARNES JR.—3 OLIVER D-BURDEN—4 MR. ROOSEVELT  
5 WILLIAM M IVINS—PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

## ROOSEVELT, BARNES, COUNSEL AND SLEUTH ON WAY TO CELEBRATED TRIAL

Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—Indications are that the suit for \$50,000 libel brought by William Barnes, Jr., against former President Roosevelt, will be fought to the bitter end. In the accompanying illustration former President Roosevelt is shown on the way to the courtroom accompanied by his bodyguard, Detective Donovan. The other counsel, Oliver D. Burden. There also is shown Mr. Barnes leaving the courtroom accompanied by his bodyguard, Detective Donovan. The photograph is a snapshot taken in Syracuse of William M. Ivins, senior counsel for Mr. Barnes. The basis of the suit for libel is the following public statement made by Colonel Roosevelt on July 22, 1914: "In New York we see at its worst the development of the system of bipartite boss rule. The outcome of this system is necessarily that invisible government which the Progressive party was in large part founded to oppose. It is impossible to secure the economic, social and industrial reforms to which we are pledged until this invisible government of the party bosses working through the alliance between crooked business and crooked politics is rooted out of our government system. The state government is rotten throughout in most of its departments. The interests of Mr. Barnes and Mr. Murphy are fundamental. They are identical, and with the issue between popular rights and corrupt and machine ruled government is clear. I have drawn the two bosses will always be found fighting on the same side and I am covertly, giving one another support as can with safety be proved. They really form a powerful, invisible government which is responsible for the maladministration and corruption in the public offices of the state."

Rhode Island Reds, 896; Tom Barron, Catforth near Preston, England, White Wyandottes, 538; A. P. Robinson, Catverton, N. Y., White Leghorns, 84; Merritt M. Clark, Brookfield, Conn., Barred Rocks, 788; Pinecroft Orchards, Groton, Mass., Rhode Island Reds, 775; Springdale Poultry Farm, Durham, Conn., Rhode Island Reds, 756; Storrs Station (experimental pen), Rhode Island Reds, 751; F. M. Peasley, Cheshire, Conn., White Leghorns, 74; Colonial Farm, Temple, N. H., Rhode Island Reds, 744.

The ten leading Connecticut pens to date are as follows: Merritt M. Clark, Brookfield, Conn., Barred Rocks, 788; Springdale Poultry Farm, Durham, Rhode Island Reds, 756; P. M. Peasley, Cheshire, White Leghorns, 746; Windsor Farm, Redding, White Leghorns, 746; Merritt Farm, Columbia, Columbian Wyandottes, 678; Harry B. Cod Orange, Rhode Island Reds, 648; Merritt Farm, Columbia, White Wyandottes, 632; Branford Farm, Groton, White Leghorns, 626; F. M. Peasley, Cheshire, White Wyandottes, 615; Branford Farm, Groton, White Leghorns, 615.

## WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

**Troop No. 1.**  
The regular meeting was held at headquarters Tuesday evening. Tests were passed, and arrangements completed for ordering suits and for participation in the big scout rally the 28th.

**Troop No. 2.**  
Troop No. 2 has held meetings regularly and has been practicing second class work and preparing for the annual scout rally. On Saturday last Senior Patrol Leader Doble and Scout Miles took their "big hike" test, seven miles out and back. It was a hard grind, first in blowing dust and then a heavy shower, but they stuck to it, and thus passed one of the hardest first class tests. Six scouts are to practice Thursday night for Morse and semaphore signalling as exhibition work for the Monday night rally. The next troop meeting will be on Friday evening.

**Troop No. 3.**  
Scout John Alton, having completed his tests, brings the total of second class scouts in the troop up to four. On Saturday last Senior Patrol Leader Doble and Scout Miles took their "big hike" test, seven miles out and back. It was a hard grind, first in blowing dust and then a heavy shower, but they stuck to it, and thus passed one of the hardest first class tests. Six scouts are to practice Thursday night for Morse and semaphore signalling as exhibition work for the Monday night rally. The next troop meeting will be on Friday evening.

**Plans for the Town Hall Rally.**  
All troops are to assemble at Union square at 7.30 p. m. sharp on Monday for parade. The formation of the line will be in numerical order of registration troops 1, 2, 3, etc., preceded by the visiting troops.

There will be but one national flag in the parade, but troops may carry their own flags. A vanguard will be formed by the assistant scoutmasters and six second class scouts are to escort the mayor and city council. The parade will start at 7.30 p. m. and will end at 9.30 p. m. The demonstration work in the hall is planned for as follows:

1. Tenderfoot knot tying, Norwich Town troop; 2. second class signalling, Troop 3; 3. second class first aid treatment by Troops 1 and No. 2; 4. carrying injured by Troop No. 4; 5. use of triangular bandage, Methodist church troop; 6. rescue race, city troop; 7. first class work, visiting troops.

**Methodist Church Troop.**  
About 16 members of the Methodist

yards have become bare. This suggests the course, apply particularly to those poultrymen who have ideal conditions for their hens, namely, free range, but unfortunately poultrymen in most cases a necessary evil. They usually mean further that the hens have a too restricted area over which to roam, hence it becomes necessary to supply even in summer, additional green food. Lettuce, Swiss chard and rape will meet the requirements. The latter two are perhaps better because they can be cut off from time to time and will keep on growing and the best part of it that only a little land is required for this purpose. At the laying contest only about a fifth of an acre is being planted and the management expects to have more nice succulent green food than it will be possible for a thousand hens to consume.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows: Ed Cam, Houghton, near Preston, England, White Wyandottes, 838; Hillview Poultry Farm, St. Albans, Vt.,

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